

IN RECOGNITION OF JACOB MILLER'S DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO VIRGINIA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jacob Miller for his service to Virginia's First Congressional District. Since joining my D.C. Staff in June 2019, Jacob has served a crucial role on my communications team. Jacob's dedication to delivering timely and helpful information to constituents is commendable and I am thankful for his tireless efforts for Virginia's First District.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, my office has made it a priority to send constituents the most up to date information on COVID-19 resources and relief. Jacob has been at the forefront of that effort since the very beginning. Jacob's thoughtfulness and strong work ethic has directly impacted constituents in Virginia's First District. Whether it was about CDC guidelines, information on testing, local and federal resources, all the way up to the most recent vaccine information, Jacob was a leader in providing this crucial information to constituents.

Jacob has a strong passion for history, a passion we both share. He is a gifted writer that sets him apart in the way he communicates to others. He has a notable ability to deliver complex information in a timely and understandable manner. Jacob is also a friend to all—he was always quick to help others in the office when needed and lend his thoughtful insight to any given task. Jacob has contributed to the office and my staff in a significant way, and he will be greatly missed.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me today to recognize Jacob Miller and his dedication to the constituents of Virginia's First District. Jacob has bright future, and I wish him the best of luck on his future journey and career.

HONORING ELIZABETH YOTHERS

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Elizabeth Yothers on becoming one of the first young women in the Westmoreland-Fayette Council Boy Scouts of America to achieve the position of Eagle Scout.

Elizabeth joined the Boy Scouts in 2019 when girls were first able to join. She was one of the founding members of Troop 1372, which is partnered with the all-male Troop 372. She first began her goal of becoming an Eagle Scout while in her senior year at Greater Latrobe High School and finished while attending Westmoreland County Community College.

In her journey to become an Eagle Scout, Elizabeth earned 31 merit badges, 10 more than the 21 required. For her Eagle Scout project, she planted grass, removed weeds, cleared gravel, and other tasks at the West-

moreland Cleanways Recycling Center in Unity.

Elizabeth already is giving back to the Boy Scouts of America and her community by serving as an assistant Scoutmaster. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Elizabeth Yothers on her trailblazing achievement and wish her all the best in the chapters to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE STURGEON BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic efforts of the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department. In the early hours of February 1st, a bulk carrier ship holding fuel and docked for the winter, the M/V *Roger Blough*, caught fire. Over 100 Sturgeon Bay firefighters battled the blaze for hours, using 1.4 million gallons of water to extinguish the fire. Their bravery and skill ultimately lead to no deaths, no injuries, no fuel discharged, and minimal damage to the ship. These brave men and women deserve our thanks and gratitude, and have served Northeast Wisconsin exceptionally well.

Madam Speaker, I urge all members of this body to join me in applauding the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department for their service and bravery on February 1st.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PHARMACIST DAY

**HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Pharmacist Day, which takes place on January 12th annually to recognize and honor pharmacists across the nation. As a pharmacist myself, I thoroughly understand the role each pharmacist plays as an integrated member of the health care team. Every day, pharmacists are directly involved in patient care and pharmacists are the most accessible health care professionals in the country. 95 percent of Americans live within five miles of a pharmacy.

As we battle COVID-19, pharmacists should be recognized as they are on the frontlines dispensing the vaccine. Because of their work, lives will be saved. They've been vital resources throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and they will continue to play an active role in combatting the virus.

I ask that you join me in recognizing all pharmacists by thanking them for their work.

IN RECOGNITION OF ABENA HOGAN

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the many outstanding contributions to the communities of Wayne County in Michigan's 13th Congressional District of Abena Hogan, as we honor her memory.

Born and raised in Detroit, Ms. Hogan was a proud daughter of her community. She began her first career in public service working for southeast Michigan's regional public transit system S. After 20 years of service, Ms. Hogan briefly retired before she was called back into serving the public once again, as the Community Relations Liaison to the Wayne County Clerk.

Ms. Hogan took immense pride in serving the people of Wayne County. She was an active member of countless community organizations, serving as a board member and as a volunteer, including the NAACP and Barton McFarland Community Council. Ms. Hogan believed deeply in the power of the people and grassroots action. She engaged people, young and old, on the importance of being involved and taking action.

Ms. Hogan was well-known for her boundless energy, willingness to always lend a hand to someone in need, and commitment to improving the quality of life for all community members. Ms. Hogan was affectionately called "Queen Abena" because of her commanding, yet loving presence. She was a true public servant and will truly be missed.

Please join me and "Smile! One more time!" as Abena Hogan always said, as we pay tribute to her memory and recognize her hard work on behalf of the communities of Detroit, Wayne County, and Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2021

**HON. GRACE MENG**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in 2021, the Year of the Ox. This year, Lunar New Year officially begins on February 12th.

With the continued expansion of Asian diaspora, Lunar New Year is now observed by millions of Asian Americans and by many non-Asian Americans in the United States. Lunar New Year is traditionally a time to wish upon others good fortune, health, prosperity, and happiness. It is a special time for families to come together and celebrate the occasion with community activities and cultural performances. Having lots of delicious food is a major part of New Year festivities. A dish my family traditionally enjoys is noodle soup, which brings luck for the year ahead.

Of course, this year's celebration is very different from all the previous celebrations. Due to the pandemic, there will be less in-person celebrations—whether with our families or within our communities. But I still hope that we

can gather virtually to celebrate some of the traditions.

Madam Speaker, every year since I have been a member of Congress, I have introduced legislation to recognize the significance of Lunar New Year. I am proud to be joined by 61 fellow Representatives in today's introduction of this resolution to recognize the cultural and historical significance of the holiday. I believe Lunar New Year is not only about recognizing the many contributions the Asian American community has made, and continues to make, but also about honoring and acknowledging that our nation's strength lies in its diversity. I wish everyone a very Happy Lunar New Year. And Happy Year of the Ox.

IN RECOGNITION OF KALLI  
TAYLOR

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Kalli Taylor of Bedford, Pennsylvania, for her selection to participate in the National Association of Music Education's 2021 All-Eastern Honor Ensembles as a member of the Treble Chorus.

The Treble Chorus is comprised of 120 members from nine states. Kalli was selected from a poll of more than 1,000 applicants to participate—a testament to her outstanding musical talent. As a student at Bedford Area High School, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to music. She is a member of Varsity Singers, the school's select choir, and has starred in three school musicals.

Kalli's dedication to music demonstrates her commitment to hard work, determination, and dedication. I congratulate Kalli on her selection for the Treble Chorus and wish her every continued success.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING  
WILLIAM “WILL” HOWARD  
INGRAM

**HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a great Georgian and American. William, or “Will,” Howard Ingram the second of Richmond Hill tragically passed away at the age of 43. Will lived a successful life and began his career in the military after remarkably receiving appointments to all three of the United States Service Academies. He was a 1999 graduate of West Point.

After he honorably served his country as an Army officer, Will went on to earn a graduate degree from the University of Washington.

Following his active duty service, he went on to serve his country as an Army Civilian for over fifteen years.

During that time, he served as the Chief of Master Planning for the Army's Third Infantry Division for several years before he took on responsibilities as the Chief of Operations and Maintenance at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Among all his many accomplishments, Will was most proud of his son, Gabe.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF KAREN LEWIS

**HON. BOBBY L. RUSH**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the life of a fierce and unyielding champion of Chicago's students, Karen Lewis.

A native of Chicago's South Side and daughter of Chicago Public School teachers, Lewis attended Chicago Public Schools until her early admission to Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Lewis would then make history at an early age, when she transferred to Dartmouth College and was the only African-American woman in her 1974 graduating class.

Returning to Chicago soon after her graduation from Dartmouth, Lewis began as a substitute chemistry teacher for Chicago Public Schools. Her intellect and commitment to her students earned Lewis a full-time teaching role, which she would hold for nearly two decades, enriching the lives and minds of students across the city. During her time as a chemistry teacher, Lewis taught at Lane Tech College Prep, Sullivan High School, and finally King College Prep in the Kenwood neighborhood, just blocks from her childhood home.

By 2008, Lewis had become a union delegate, bringing her energy and grit to the fight against school closures that would affect some of Chicago's most vulnerable students. Realizing that teachers and students faced increasing class sizes, school closures, and a budget crisis, Lewis put her bold vision forward and became the president of the Chicago Teachers' Union in 2010. In the face of many in Chicago's power structure calling for schools to be closed and protections to be stripped from dedicated educators, Lewis powerfully put forward a new vision for the city's public school, entitled The Schools Chicago's Students Deserve. With this vision, Lewis sought to narrow the often vast differences between what Chicago's teachers and students needed to be successful and what they actually received from Chicago Public Schools.

Madam Speaker, in September 2012, Karen Lewis rose to national prominence when she led the first teacher's strike in Chicago in a quarter century. Tackling a new mayoral administration that sought to lay off teachers in exchange for raises, Lewis led a labor movement whose tactics would be studied around the country as a model for successful organized labor. The nine days Karen Lewis led the Chicago Teachers Union on strike were instrumental in winning concessions that included a robust pay raise and fairer evaluation of classroom performance. The next year, teachers in Los Angeles used the tactics pioneered by Lewis to gain critical concessions from the city for their students and teachers. In 2018, West Virginia teachers used the Lewis play book during their strike. The 2012 Chicago teachers' strike has been described as having “changed the future of organizing.”

So great was the appreciation of Lewis's bold and unrelenting fight for Chicago's teachers and students that many in the city believed that she would make an exceptional mayor. Sadly, in 2014, Lewis received the life-altering diagnosis of glioblastoma, an aggressive type of brain cancer. True to the fighter she was, Lewis carried on her fearless advocacy after her diagnosis, continuing on as president of the Chicago Teacher's Union until 2018.

Madam Speaker, Karen Lewis passed away on February 7th at the age of 67. With her death, Chicago and the nation have lost an icon and a treasure. My deepest sympathies lie with her husband, John, and all of her close family and friends during this challenging time.

IN HONOR OF TRIPP HOGG

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 11, 2021*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today in honor of Tripp Hogg, who recently passed away. Tripp will be profoundly missed by his family, friends, and community, but his memory will live on for many years to come.

Tripp was born on January 15, 1969, in Richmond, Virginia. He attended Lee Davis Highschool, where he graduated in 1987. Tripp graduated from East Carolina University in 1991, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the President of his Senior Class. Upon graduation from ECU, Tripp entered the Real Estate business in 1991 and joined his family's business, ERA Woody Hogg & Associates.

Tripp has three children, Oakleigh, Delaney, and Elle Hogg; as well as three stepchildren, Mary Beth, Mandy, and Josh Ratchford. Tripp is also survived by his beloved wife, Kathie White Hogg; his sister, Elizabeth Hogg; and his brother, Jonathan Hogg; as well as his father, O Woodland “Woody” Hogg, Jr. (Pamela Hogg); and his mother, Susan U. Hogg.

Tripp was an extraordinarily caring person who loved his family dearly, as well as his community, Commonwealth, and our Nation. I fondly remember the conversations we would have when we saw each other in the home improvement stores in the Mechanicsville area. He always began our conversations asking me how I was doing. I had the honor of hosting Tripp and his family on a personally guided tour of the U.S. Capitol and I will treasure that memory forever.

Tripp was always very active in his community, church, and profession. He consistently ranked in the top 1 percent of all salespeople both locally and nationally. Tripp was also an avid fisherman and loved everything with salt water. Tripp's passion for service to those around him will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. I pray that God may bring peace to Tripp's friends and family as they grieve his loss, and that they may be comforted and reminded of their fond memories of Tripp during this time. Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask that you rise with me today in remembrance of and to honor the life of Tripp Hogg.